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Remunerative Prices for Vegetables
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that large quantities of a variety of vegetables are produced in Bihar but in the absence of proper arrangement farmers do not get remunerative price for their produce, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is likely to provide assistance for taking measures for the preservation and transportation of vegetables to the market; and

(c) if so, the details of the said measures and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): This Ministry implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural/agricultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under Price Support Scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels i.e., cost of production. This scheme is implemented at the request of a State/UT Govt. which is ready to bear 50 percent of the loss (25 percent in case of North-Eastern States), if any, incurred on its implementation. During the current crop season, no such request has been received from Government of Bihar in this regard.

(b) & (c): Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), there is a provision for assistance for creation of infrastructure for marketing and post-harvest management of fruits and vegetables in all the states including Bihar and UTs. In marketing infrastructure there is a provision for terminal markets, whole sale markets, rural markets/outlets (environmentally controlled), Static/Mobile Vending cart/platform with cool chamber and functional infrastructure for collection, sorting/grading, packing units. Under Integrated Post-Harvest Infrastructure, there is a provision for setting up of pack house, integrated pack house with facilities for conveyer belt, sorting, grading units, washing, drying and weighing units,pre-cooling unit, cold room (staging), Mobile cooling unit, cold storage with different capacity, Refrigerated Transport vehicles, Primary/Mobile/Minimal processing unit, ripening chamber, evaporative/ low energy cool chamber, preservation unit (low cost), Low cost onion storage structure, Pusa Zero energy cool chamber and integrated Cold Chain supply system

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